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BY HAND DELIVERY AND E-FILE

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 05-27

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing, on behalf of Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State"), please find Bay State's responses to the following information request of the Attorney General:

AG-1-2 (BULK)

Due to the size of this filing, the 8Ks provided in response to AG-1-2 (2) will be shipped in one box (Box 2 of 2), while the remaining reports provided in response to this request will be shipped in a separate box (Box 1 of 2).

The response to AG-1-2 (4) – the U5s, was not available for this transmittal, but we anticipate it will be available by Tuesday, May 31^{st} .

Please do not hesitate to telephone me with any questions whatsoever.

Very truly yours,

Patricia M. French

cc: Caroline O'Brien Bulger, Esq., Hearing Officer (1 copy)
 A. John Sullivan, DTE (7 copies)
 Andreas Thanos, Ass't Director, Gas Division
 Alexander Cochis, Assistant Attorney General (4 copies)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

RESPONSE OF BAY STATE GAS COMPANY TO THE FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL D. T. E. 05-27

Date: May 27, 2005

Responsible: Stephen H. Bryant, President

- AG-1-2: Please provide the following for NISOURCE (and its predecessors) and the Company for the years 1997 through 2004 as they become available:

 (1) the 10-Ks;

 (2) the 8-Ks;

 (3) the Annual Reports to shareholders and bondholders;
 - (4) the U5s;
 - (5) the U-13-60s;
 - (6) the Proxy statements;
 - (7) the FERC Forms;
 - (8) the Annual Returns to the DPU/DTE;
 - (9) any auditor's reports;
 - (10) the five-year or ten-year financial and statistical summaries; and
 - (11) the consolidating statements.

Response: The above-referenced reports are provided for either Bay State Gas Company or NiSource Inc., as appropriate.

BULK MATERIALS

The following reports are being provided to the AG and DTE:

- (1) 10-Ks for years ending 1997 through 2004.
- (2) 8-Ks See attached list of dates of 8Ks provided.
- (3) Annual Reports to shareholders and bondholders for years ending 1997, and 1999 through 2004. Due to the merger, there is no 1998 Bay State Annual Report.

- (4) U5s Not yet available.
- (5) U-13-60s for the years 1999 through 2004. Prior to 1999, Neither NiSource nor Bay State were Public Utility Holding Companies under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935; therefore, no filings were required.
- (6) Proxy statements for Annual Meetings 1997 through 2005.
- (7) FERC Forms Not applicable Bay State does not file reports with FERC
- (8) Annual Returns to the DPU/DTE for the years ending 1997 through 2004.
- (9) Any auditor's reports Auditor reports are contained in each 10K.
- (10) The five-year or ten-year financial and statistical summaries The Statistical Summary for the years 1999 through 2004. No summary was prepared by Bay State in 1998 due to the merger. Bay State's 1997 Annual Report to Stockholders contains summaries.
- (11) Consolidating statements are contained in the Annual Reports and Statistical Summaries.

DATES OF 8Ks PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO AG-1-2